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1. (Internal Use Only - JGO) I called Mr. A. Sidney Buford, INA, in response to his earlier call to Mr. Houston, OGC, concerning forthcoming hearings in the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee concerning the Ervin bill. I filled Mr. Buford in on the current information available from the Committee and learned that the Department has done little so far in the way of current review on preparation for the hearings. Mr. Buford expressed his appreciation for the call and asked that I contact his assistant, Mr. George C. Denney, the first of the week since he himself will be leaving the city for a week or so.

2. (Confidential - JMM) Mr. Meyer, ADDP, and I accompanied Messrs. David Abshire and John Baker, State Department, to a meeting with Chairman George Mahon, House Appropriations Committee, and Mr. Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, regarding Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. See Memo for Record for details.

3. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Received a call from Mr. John Martiny, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, concerning Chapter 55 of Title 5 of the United States Code relating to pay administration. In reviewing a draft bill under study by the Committee relating to premium pay for ammunition and explosive handlers, Mr. Martiny noted that the Agency has not been exempted from Section 5541 of Title 5 relating to premium pay and wanted to verify this determination. Since the Agency is not exempted from the terms of the act, he will word the proposed bill coverage to exclude the Agency. In part, Mr. Martiny also noted that this proposal probably will not go far but in any event could not be a vehicle for amending the basic act if the Agency desires formal exclusion at this time. I thanked Mr. Martiny for the call.

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